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CERTIFICATING SUBMITTED SAMPLE WEIGHTS

1. PURPOSE

This program notice announces the change from mandatory to optional for recording sample size (weight) on *submitted sample* work records and certificates.

2. BACKGROUND

The regulations do not require that a weight be recorded for submitted samples, only that the sample be of sufficient size to make an official determination of the requested factors/grade. The Grain Inspection Handbook, Book IV, states the approximate weight is to be shown on the work document and certificate. Questions have arisen as to the need to record and certificate the weight of submitted samples, particularly when a large number of obviously sufficient sized samples are submitted for full or factor only inspection and the applicant does not deem this information to be necessary.

3. POLICY

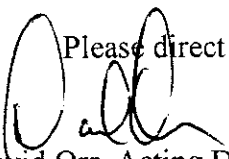
Unless an applicant states a need for this sample weight information and requests it to be certificated, it is no longer required to record this weight on the work record or submitted sample certificate. This policy does not relieve official inspection personnel from ensuring that a sufficient sample is received to make the official determination(s) requested by the applicant.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is effective upon receipt. Please retain this notice in Book IV, Chapter 3, until the proper revision has been made.

5. QUESTIONS

Please direct any questions to the Standards and Procedures Branch at (202) 720-0252.


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